

**REMARKS**

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed December 5, 2003. The status identifiers for claims 3, 13, and 23 have been corrected to read "canceled," rather than the previously submitted incorrect status identifiers "presently canceled." Reconsideration and allowance of the application and pending claims are respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION**

In light of the foregoing amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1, 2, 4-12, 14-22, and 24-30 are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,



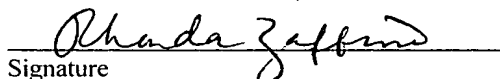
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